

## SENATE BILL No. 419

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 8-1-33.

**Synopsis:** Fees for inmate telephone calls. Requires the Indiana utility regulatory commission to establish rates to be charged to persons who receive collect telephone calls from inmates of the department of correction or of local law enforcement agencies. Specifies that the rate must be equal to 50% of the rate for collect telephone calls made from a pay telephone. Provides for the disposition of the money paid by the utility to the department of correction or to the local law enforcement agency.

**Effective:** July 1, 2001.

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January 18, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Procedures.

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First Regular Session 112th General Assembly (2001)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2000 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 8-1-33 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2001]:  
4 **Chapter 33. Charges for Inmate Telephone Calls at**  
5 **Correctional Facilities and Jails**  
6 **Sec. 1. The definitions in IC 8-1-2-1 apply throughout this**  
7 **chapter.**  
8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "inmate" means an individual**  
9 **confined in a facility operated by:**  
10 (1) the department of correction;  
11 (2) a local law enforcement agency; or  
12 (3) a person operating a facility under a contract with the  
13 department of correction or a local law enforcement agency.  
14 **Sec. 3. (a) The commission shall set the rates charged for collect**  
15 **telephone calls made by inmates.**  
16 **(b) Rates set under this chapter must equal fifty percent (50%)**  
17 **of the rate for collect calls made from a pay telephone.**



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1       **Sec. 4. (a) The department of correction shall deposit money**  
2       **paid to the department by a provider to provide collect telephone**  
3       **service to inmates in the inmates' recreation fund established by**  
4       **IC 4-24-6-6.**

5       **(b) A local law enforcement agency shall deposit money paid to**  
6       **the local law enforcement agency by a provider to provide collect**  
7       **telephone service to inmates into either of the following:**

8               **(1) A jail commissary fund established under IC 36-8-10-21.**

9               **(2) A fund dedicated to provide direct benefits to individuals**  
10              **who are inmates of the local law enforcement agency.**

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